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**UPDATE: CMS Delays PECOS Deadline to January 3, 2011**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is delaying until January 3, 2011, implementation of Phase II of the national Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS). *This is a delay from the prior deadline April 5, 2010.*

The delay will give physicians and non-physician practitioners who order items or services for Medicare beneficiaries or who refer Medicare beneficiaries to other Medicare providers or suppliers sufficient time to enroll in Medicare or take the action necessary to establish a current enrollment record in Medicare.

Reminder – per CMS a current enrollment record is one that is in the Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) and contains the NPI. After January 3, 2011 a physician or non-physician practitioner who orders or refers and who does not have a current enrollment record that contains the NPI will cause the claim submitted by the Part B provider/supplier who furnished the ordered or referred item or service to be rejected.

To obtain additional information about PECOS enrollment, go to:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/01\\_Overview.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage)

And

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/04\\_InternetbasedPECOS.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/04_InternetbasedPECOS.asp)

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